

OBSERVE KAISER DAY

Ambassador Entertains His Staff at Dinner.

TAFT SENDS CONGRATULATIONS

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All day yesterday, the black, white, and red flag of the German empire, with the Prussian eagle in the center, fluttered from the flagstaff of the German Embassy, on Highland Terrace, in honor of the fifty-first birthday anniversary of Kaiser Wilhelm.

His ambassador to this country, and personal representative, Count Johann Heinrich von Bernstorff, entertained the staff of the embassy at dinner last night, and Herr von Stumm, third secretary of the embassy, and Lieut. von Brunnung entertained their friends at their quarters, 174 P street, at an afternoon tea.

President Taft, like his predecessors, sent a message of congratulation to the German monarch.

At the embassy to dine with the Ambassador, in addition to members of his staff, were Representative Bartholdt, Representative Kusterman, Mr. Reginald Schroeder, Mr. Julian Dittmar, Mr. Ernest L. Brunck, Mr. von Schwerdner, and Mr. Volker.

Give Smart Function.

Mr. von Stumm and Lieut. von Brunnung entertained at a smart function. The company of young people invited was limited, owing to the capacity of the house.

Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the German Ambassador, received, assisted by Mme. von Livonius, wife of the military attaché, who poured tea, and Mrs. Phillip Hiehorn, who served chocolate. The German flag was hoisted throughout the day, and the dining-room was simply but artistically decorated. A small orchestra played throughout the reception.

Some of the guests were the Minister of Denmark and Countess Moltke, the Minister of Switzerland and Mme. Ritter, Baroness Elisabeth Rosen, daughter of the Russian Ambassador, Countess Louise Alexandra von Bernstorff, daughter of the German Ambassador, the Naval Attaché of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy and Baroness Freuchen, the Military Attaché of the French Embassy and Countess de Chambrun, the Naval Attaché of the French Embassy and Viscountess Benoit d'Azay, the Military Attaché of the British Embassy and the Hon. Mrs. James and her sister, the Hon. Miss Shuttleworth, the Second Secretary of the British Embassy and Mrs. H. W. Kennard, the Second Secretary and Mrs. Edmund Overy, Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Col. and Mrs. Spencer Cosby, the Misses Meyer, daughters of the Secretary of the Navy; the Misses Southard, Miss Constance Hoyt, Miss Crosby, Miss Mathilde Townsend, Miss Yvonne Townsend, Miss Katherine Elkins, the counselor of the Italian Embassy, Marchese di Montagliari; Mr. Centaro and Lieut. Camperio, of the Italian Embassy; Baron Ambrosy, Baron Hya, Count. Brunsell-Shawbeck, and Count Czarky, of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy; Mr. Kroupensky, Prince Koudachoff, Mr. de Thal, of the Russian Embassy; Mitchell Innes and Capt. Sowerby, of the British Embassy; Mr. de Beaufort, of the Netherlands Legation; Henfl Martin, of the Swiss Legation; William Hitt, Franklin Elms, Capt. Davis, Capt. Butt, Oden Hartmann, Capt. Cheney, Mr. Hildekoper, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Weldon, and Mr. Porteus.

His Birthday Observed.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the German Orphan Asylum, at Bessler's Hall, last night, Hon. Simon Wolf, former Minister to Turkey, offered a toast in honor of the birthday of the German Emperor, and three hearty "hoops" were given by those present.

The Germania section of the Columbia Turnverein also observed the event with speechmaking, songs, and music, Mr. Molesner presiding.

TAFT ELECTED MEMBER.

Military Order of Foreign Wars Follows Usual Custom.

New York, Jan. 27.—The New York Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, in accordance with its established custom, yesterday, at its regular meeting, elected President Taft a member. Other presidents elected to the order at various times were Benjamin Harrison, Grover Cleveland, and Theodore Roosevelt.

The order was founded here in 1894 by veterans and the descendants of veterans of the foreign wars in which the country has been engaged. Its members embrace both branches of the service and the National Guard. State commanderies exist in many States and the order's membership is about 1,800.

OBSERVE McKINLEY'S BIRTH.

Barry Garrison Holds Commemorative Exercises.

The anniversary of the birth of William McKinley, which occurs Saturday, was celebrated last evening by the Gen. William F. Barry Garrison of the Army and Navy Union at Grand Army Hall.

Department Commander J. Walter Mitchell was the principal speaker of the evening. He referred to the love which all soldiers and sailors had for McKinley, and of the high character of the martyred President. He called upon all army and navy men to wear carnations on Saturday as a tribute.

Dr. Charles V. Pettys and Thomas A. Green, commander of Barry Garrison, also spoke, and announced that on February 14 the Army and Navy Union would hold memorial services in that section of Arlington Cemetery where the men who went down in the Maine are buried. This is an annual practice inaugurated several years ago by the Admiral Porter Garrison.

BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES

A preparation of superior quality for relieving Coughs, Hoarseness, and Irritation of throat of great benefit in Lung Troubles, Bronchitis and Asthma. Free from opiates or any harmful ingredients. Price, 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00 per box. Sample mailed on request.

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RESIDENT 40 YEARS.

John McDermott, Carriage Builder, Called by Death.

John McDermott died last night at his residence, 349 D street southwest. He was eighty-one years old and had lived in Washington nearly forty years, coming to the city from Ireland in 1871. He was for many years employed by McDermott Brothers, carriage builders, as foreman and engineer. He was a charter member of the International Union of Steam Engineers. Mr. McDermott's death followed an illness of about a month.

Seven children, all living in Washington, survive. They are James, Peter, John, Alice, and Ella McDermott, Mrs. George Lawrence and Mrs. Richard A. Fitzgerald. Mr. McDermott was a widower.

The funeral probably will be held Monday morning from St. Dominic's Church. The interment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

GOMPERS NOW SIXTY

Friends Surprise Labor Chief on His Birthday.

PUTS IN STRENUOUS DAY

Washington Labor Leaders Call and Pay Their Respects—Clerical Force of Federation Headquarters Send Bouquet of American Beauty Roses. Congratulations from Canada.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, celebrated his sixtieth birthday yesterday at his home, in Second street northwest, surrounded by his family.

He had planned to note the passing of the day with a family dinner, without display and as quietly as possible. He spent the day at home, not going to headquarters of the federation, in the O'Quay Building.

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Mother of Prof. Waldecker Found Dead.

ACCIDENT IS THE VERDICT

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It was learned that Mrs. Waldecker wrote the note and tucked it to the front door of the house before she went down town in the morning. She returned about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, took the note from the door, and placed it on the table when she went in the kitchen.

It is thought she accidentally turned on a gas cock on the range and then went to her room to remove her hat and coat. Detecting the odor of gas, the woman returned to the kitchen to stop the flow. She probably was overcome before she could reach the stove.

Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of death by accident. No arrangements have been made for the funeral. Word has been sent to Prof. Waldecker, who is organist in a cathedral in Newark, N. J.

LABOR FAILS TO CLASH.

Bricklayers' International President Keeps Away from Meeting.

The expected and long-anticipated clash between Bricklayers' Union No. 1 and the international officers of that organization, scheduled for last night at Odd Fellows' Hall, did not materialize.

It was no fault of the local organization. The membership was there, but the officers of the international association failed to show up.

It was a mass meeting in every sense of the word, and had been called to officially hear from Walter A. Bowen, president of the International Association of Bricklayers and Masons, the editor of the recent Boston convention of the international, in which W. H. Maghan, president; W. T. Levi, secretary, and Thomas Carr, member of the arbitration board of the Washington local, who were delegates to the Boston convention, had been deprived of their seats.

The charges against these officers were, according to the stenographers, that the Washington bricklayers had worked with nonunion masons and used nonunion cut stone. Rumor had it that President Bowen and several others of the international officers of the organization were in the city, but no one knew where they were.

COLORED BANKER TO SPEAK.

Charles Banks Will Tell of Mound Bayou's Growth.

Charles Banks, cashier of the Bank of Mound Bayou, Miss., will deliver an address on "The business growth of Mound Bayou and its new cotton-seed oil mill" at 8 o'clock this evening at Lincoln Temple, Congregational Church.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of Washington Commercial Council, made up of representative colored men engaged in various lines of business. Mr. Banks is president of the Mississippi State Negro Business League and first vice president of the National Negro Business League.

Officers of the Washington council are: President, John A. Lankford; first vice president, Daniel Freeman; second vice president, John W. Stockton; third vice president, Dr. A. J. Gwathney; fourth vice president, Walter Dyson; corresponding secretary, R. W. Thompson; recording secretary, F. Morris Murray; assistant recording secretary, Samuel T. Henry; treasurer, W. R. Griffin; statisticians, Prof. William Jenifer and Rev. J. D. Pare, and sergeant-at-arms, A. H. Underdown.

See the list of branch offices of the want ad, department of The Washington Herald, top of first column, want page, and get "your branch" firmly fixed in your memory.

New Hotel Planned.

The Washington Hotel Company, Incorporated yesterday, has for its object the establishment of a \$400,000 hotel, to be erected on North Capitol street, facing the Union Station plaza. The incorporators are Edward O. Whitney, Arthur A. Birney, Samuel J. Prescott, William V. Cox, and Alexander Wolf.

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SEE STUDENTS AT WORK.

Many friends and relatives of the students of the Manual Training School visited the drawing shop and home economics departments last night to witness students at work.

Prof. George Sunderland, Clarence Heckock, and Frank W. Richardson, instructors in the machine shop, were kept busy explaining the work.

In the wood-turning department, where the boys were engaged turning out potato mashers, rolling pins, and trays, Prof. H. B. White had to retreat early in the evening.

The forge department was a feature of most interest, and Prof. Roy Burch had no difficulty in making his audience understand just how the work is done.

AS HE GETS OLDER, MORE WISDOM.

Youth wants to write his name up high. Fame's golden scroll to deck; But age is glad to write upon The bottom of a check.

Find an aspiring youth.

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE.

Upside down, against lady.

STUDENTS GRADUATE.

Commencement Exercises Held at Business High School.

Forty-four students of Business High School last night were graduated and received their diplomas from Capt. Oyster, president of the board of education.

It was the two-year class commencement, and as the students came forward to receive their diplomas friends and relatives applauded them. The address to the class was made by Allen Davis, principal of the school.

The address of welcome was made by Roy M. Perry, and the valedictory by E. Harriett Riley. A history of the class was read by Miss Ida B. Prescott, and class prophecy by Gertrude C. E. Musser. An address to undergraduates was made by William Roberts. A reply to Mr. Roberts' address was made by John P. Lynch, and a class poem was read by Paul Schmidt.

Those who graduated are: Charles Francis Nelson, Julian Elman, William Kessler, Louis Frederick Kraft, William Leary, Frank Percy Mathias, Roy Montgomery Perry, Edwin Schwartz, Pierce, William Roberts, Paul Schmidt, James Reuben Skinker, Thomas Paul Spahn, George Francis Soter, John Henry Sautter, and Albert Emanuel Steinhilber. Graduates also are: Edna Belle Leary, Charles Lettice Bradwell, Anna Leary Cooke, Pearl Virginia Ragland, Minnie Mae Fidler, Minnie May Fleming, Margarette Seabird Gable, Katie Frances Gaudin, Rosewood Gray Ingalls, Genevieve Helen Lee, Rebecca Gregory Leeson, Amy Wesley Little, Bridgette Morris, Mary Frances Mohler, Gertrude Elizabeth Musser, Martha Ann Nordhoff, Nellie Offenberg, Marie Frances Oulahan, Kate Demet Puleget, Edna Henschel Prescott, Edna Henschel Riley, Mary Vesta Schackelford, Ruth Cord Swick, Dorothy Helen Thornt, and Maria Matie Zum.

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The wedding of Miss Wheeler and Mr. Farley will take place in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, at 7 o'clock to-morrow evening. A reception and dinner at the New Willard at 7:30 o'clock will follow.

Former Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Truman H. Newberry entertained at dinner last evening. Their guests were all young people. A small dance followed at Rauscher's, when one hundred or more others were invited for dancing.

Mrs. Needham and the Misses Needham, of 1710 M street, will not be at home to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Yearley, third, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Yearley was formerly Miss Helen Durant Church.

Mrs. Preston Sands and Miss Jane Sands will not be at home this afternoon, but will receive next Friday.

Mrs. de B. Randolph Keim and Miss Keim will be at home to-day to their friends in their new home, 1613 T street northwest. They will have with them Miss Little Thomas Keim, of Philadelphia, niece of the late Admiral Thomas; Miss Mary Boyce Tenney, of Tennessee; Mrs. Charles R. McKenney, of Maryland; Mrs. John H. Rogers, of St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. William G. Green, and Mrs. Frederick Johnson, of Baltimore.

NEW DANGER.

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basement stores, and a wild scramble to save goods began this morning, when the water first entered. It was impossible to save all, and soon boxes of gloves, shirt waists, lingerie, and other stock were floating in the muddy water. The lower basement did not take long to fill, and the upper one was then invaded. The management at 4 p. m. dismissed all assistants, turned off the lights, and closed the building.

Many Places Close Down.

Two well-known restaurants, Durand's and La Rue's, were forced to close. The fashionable furriers, Grunwald's, and other tradesmen on the Rue de la Paix were compelled to shut up their places of business. The pavement in front of Tiffany's, in the Place de l'Opera, began to sink this afternoon, and the place was promptly roped off.

The Gare St. Lazaire, the terminus of the Western Railway, has been closed to traffic, as the substation is sinking. The Louvre will be closed to-morrow. M. Lamole, administrator of the museum, fears no damage to the national collections. He says the lowest gallery, containing antique sculpture, is several yards above the height of the river. The cellars contain only old frames, lumber, and such material. The three great entrances to the Louvre have been securely barricaded with bags of cement. The museum will be closed so that all the attendants may be on hand if they are wanted.

The Academie Francaise has suspended its sittings, as the heating apparatus in the cellar is under water. The situation at the Palais de Bourbon, where the Chamber of Deputies meets, became worse to-day. The committee rooms are now being used as bedrooms by the attendants.

Mails Are Delayed.

The post-office is thoroughly disorganized. All mails for the south and east are held up or are delayed for hours. The food has encroached further on the zoo, and the directors are facing a difficult problem. The water has reached the quarters of the elephants, giraffes, and hippopotami, necessitating their removal, but the directors are puzzled to find accommodation elsewhere.

The Pope has sent a letter of sympathy and a subscription of 20,000 francs to the Archbishop of Paris for the relief of flood sufferers.

President Fallieres made another round of visits to-day. He called on the victims in the seminary of St. Sulpice, consoled with them, and assured them of government aid.

Samuel Arts is president of the local association, Stanford Stetzer secretary, and E. J. Hannan treasurer.

DEATH CALLS MRS. MORRIS.

Widow of Prof. Morris Stricken After Short Illness.

Mrs. Virginia Santos Morris, widow of Prof. Cincinnati Morris, died last evening at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of her son, Ernest C. Morris, 1641 Columbia road. She was seventy years old, and for the last ten years had been an invalid. The illness which resulted in her death began about two weeks ago.

Three children survive. They are Mrs. E. McDonald and Ernest C. Morris, of this city, and Thomas D. Morris, of Knoxville, Tenn. Mrs. Morris was the daughter of Prof. Thomas D. Foy, of Knoxville. She was born in Norfolk. Twelve years ago she came to Washington from Knoxville.

The funeral will be held from her late residence to-morrow at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Glenwood Cemetery.

"FIGHTING BOB" RETIRED.